

Long-Term Objectives of the Free World¹

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ON APRIL 8, 1953, Mr. C. W. Carter, Canadian M.P., summarized the fundamentals of our current international predicament when he told the Canadian House of Commons:

We have two enemies, the Russian military might and the Communist Ideology. We can meet military power with military power. We can match economic force with economic force. We can check political moves with political counter-moves. But no military, political or economical force can defeat an idea. An idea can only be conquered by a better idea, an ideology only by a superior ideology.

It is, of course, our primary responsibility as voting citizens and taxpayers to be sure that "we can meet military power with military power." It is the primary responsibility of our political personnel that we do "match economic force with economic force" and that we do "check political moves with political counter-moves." One must observe quickly that these military and political primary responsibilities are mutually interdependent. In our democratic way of life all of us, including those charged with the education of the youth of this land, have a measure of responsibility for things military, economic, and political.



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But who bears primary responsibility for defeating the Communist ideology? Mr. Carter says "no military, political or economical force can defeat an idea. An idea can only be conquered by a better idea, an ideology only by a superior ideology."

One meets here the question: "Is an ideology something so intangible, so immaterial, so vaporous that we can not create an organization to cope with it?" Surely our efforts at psychological warfare, including such agencies as the Voice of America and Radio Free Europe, may be judged

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